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Points of interest in this study are:

First. Absence of human plague, though people were living over a hotbed of infection. This is explained by the great number of rats which afforded ready and convenient hosts for all fleas leaving dead rats. Human blood, at all times less attractive to them, was not necessary for food.

Second. The relation between concentration of rodent infection and type of architecture. This building was ideal for rodent infestation of all species. The harborage for the *Mus norvegicus* was beneath the wooden flooring of the residence and other planking was flat on the ground.

Safe homes for the *Mus rattus* were afforded by inclosed spaces on the second floor.

Soft brick walls, honeycombed with breaks and small cavities, afforded unusually good lodging places for mice (*Mus musculus*). A plentiful supply of small grain, scattered broadcast up stairs and down, fed them all lavishly.

That this infection was recent is proven conclusively by its slight radius of extension. Recognized early and almost completely destroyed by radical, effective measures, it was limited before sick rats could carry the infection to adjoining territory. The scarcity of rats found dead would further go to show the importance and success of early recognition and stamping out of a rodent plague focus.

As a final point of interest, too much attention can not be given to the thorough destruction of rat harboring and rat hiding places. No innocent-looking, dark "hole in the corner" should be overlooked, for hunted rats in their wild efforts to escape destruction will take advantage of it.

The careful search for and thorough plastering of all breaks and holes in brick walls on premises where plague has been found will preclude the possibility of a subsequent mouse infection.

## PLAGUE-ERADICATIVE WORK.

### CALIFORNIA.

The following report of plague-eradication work in California for the week ended December 5, 1914, has been received from Passed Asst. Surg. Hurley, of the United States Public Health Service, in temporary charge of the work:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.		SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Continued.	
RAT PROOFING.		RAT PROOFING—continued.	
Inspections of new buildings under construction.....	287	Yards, passageways, etc., new buildings (sq. ft. 42,979).....	52
Basements concreted, new buildings (sq. ft. 44,658).....	22	Total area of concrete laid, new premises (sq. ft. 272,887).	
Floors concreted, new buildings (sq. ft. 185,250).....	28	Inspections, class A, B, C, fireproof buildings.....	137

## SAN FRANCISCO CAL.—Continued.

## RAT PROOFING—continued.

Roof and basement ventilators, etc., class A, B, C, buildings screened.....	651
Wire screening used (sq. ft. 2,438).	
Openings around pipes, etc. closed with cement.....	1,615
Sidewalk lens lights replaced.....	1,500
Inspections, old buildings.....	189
Wooden floors removed, old buildings.....	19
Yards and passageways, planking removed..	12
Cubic feet new foundation walls installed, old buildings.....	5,631
Concrete floors installed, old buildings (sq. ft. 14,200).....	31
Basements concreted, old buildings (sq. ft. 5,382).....	7
Yards and passageways, etc., concreted (sq. ft. 21,187).....	75
Total area concrete laid in old premises (sq. ft. 40,769).	
Floors old buildings rat proofed with wire cloth (sq. ft. 4,280).....	6
Buildings razed.....	17
New garbage cans stamped approved.....	825
Nuisances abated.....	304

## OPERATIONS ON THE WATER FRONT.

Vessels inspected for rat guards.....	17
Reinspections made on vessels.....	11
Defective rat guards repaired.....	2
Rats trapped on wharves and water front....	14
Rats trapped on vessels.....	22
Traps set on wharves and water front.....	72
Traps set on vessels.....	56
Vessels trapped on.....	11
Poisons placed within P. P. I. E. grounds....	7,200
Bait used on water front and vessels, bacon (pounds).....	6

## RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE.

Collected.....	237
Examined.....	174
Found infected.....	0

## RATS IDENTIFIED.

Mus norvegicus.....	65
Mus rattus.....	47
Mus alexandrinus.....	78
Mus musculus.....	47

## Record of plague infection.

Places in California.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number rodents found infected since May, 1907.
<b>Cities:</b>				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908	Oct. 23, 1908	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911	Dec. 1, 1908	.....do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 28, 1907	None.....	.....do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908	.....do.....	Aug. 21, 1908	1 squirrel.
<b>Counties:</b>				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 24, 1909	Oct. 17, 1909 <sup>1</sup>	Aug. 7, 1914	286 squirrels, 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	May 17, 1914	None.....	Oct. 23, 1914	1,565 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	.....do.....	Oct. 27, 1911	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	July 12, 1911	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Apr. 10, 1914	6 squirrels.
San Benito.....	June 4, 1913	.....do.....	Sept. 26, 1914	36 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911	.....do.....	Aug. 26, 1911	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	.....do.....	Jan. 29, 1910	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 31, 1910	.....do.....	July 23, 1913	25 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1910	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 2, 1911	13 squirrels.

<sup>1</sup> Wood rat.

## SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE.

Contra Costa County.....	15
San Benito County.....	19
Total.....	34
Found infected.....	0

## OTHER ANIMALS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE.

San Benito County—rabbit.....	1
Found infected.....	0

## RANCHES INSPECTED AND HUNTED OVER.

Contra Costa County.....	15
San Benito County.....	5
Total.....	20

The work is being carried on in the following-named counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, San Joaquin, Merced, Stanislaus, San Benito, and Santa Clara.

## LOUISIANA—NEW ORLEANS.

## Detailed Report of Cases of Plague in Man in New Orleans, La., June–September, 1914.

Case No.	Type of disease.	Age.	Sex.	Occupation.	Residence.	Where employed.	Date of onset of illness.	Location suspected as source of infection.
1	Septicemic	49	Male	Labourer	713 St. Joseph.	424 Notre Dame.	1914	424 Notre Dame.
2	Bubonic (left femoral)	50	do	do	do	do	June 19	do
3	do	28	do	None	2831 First	do	June 26	Unknown
4	Bubonic (right axillary)	35	do	None	2227 St. Ann	423 Poydras	June 28	423 Poydras
5	Bubonic (right femoral)	35	Female	Waitress	1902 Agricultural	307 Lafayette	July 5	307 Lafayette
6	Bubonic (right femoral)	30	do	do	532 Camp	do	July 9	532 Camp
7	Bubonic (left femoral)	13	do	Labourer	1331 St. Philip	611–621 South Front	July 16	611 South Front
8	do	13	do	do	2845 Baronne	623 Canal	July 12	623 Canal
9	Septicemic	28	Male	Clerk	532 Camp	do	July 10	532 Camp
10	Bubonic (right femoral)	73	Female	Housewife	4238 Constance	601 Fulton	July 21	601 Fulton
11	Bubonic (left femoral)	50	Male	Bar tender	1023 Melpomene	532 Camp	July 24	532 Camp
12	Bubonic (right femoral)	41	do	Janitor	1523 Arts	611 Commerce	July 23	611 Commerce
13	Bubonic (left femoral)	24	do	Labourer	1809 Bienville	1904 Bienville	July 22	1809 Bienville
14	Bubonic (right femoral)	16	Female	Housework	2136 Eighth	Girod near Mississippi River.	July 29	Girod near Mississippi River.
15	Bubonic (left femoral)	20	Female	Grocery clerk	1836 Iberville	1836 Iberville (rear)	Aug. 11	do
16	do	17	Male	Unknown	do	do	Aug. 1	do
17	Bubonic (left inguinal)	52	do	Vegetable stand employee.	1817 Carondelet.	French market.	Aug. 6	French market.
18	Septicemic	72	do	Cook in restaurant.	911 Toulouse	916 Toulouse.	Aug. 15	916 Toulouse.
19	Bubonic (right femoral)	40	Female	Housewife.	1905 Bienville	do	Aug. 16	do
20	Bubonic (left femoral)	24	do	Unknown.	do	do	Aug. 17	do
21	do	84	do	Housewife.	1734 Felicity	Camp and Gravier	Aug. 26	1734 Felicity.
22	Bubonic (right femoral)	30	Male	Salesman.	4415 Carondelet.	do	do	4415 Carondelet.
23	Bubonic (femoral bubo)	19	do	Grocery clerk.	421 Harmony	Carrollton and Green	Aug. 29	421 Harmony
24	Bubonic (left femoral)	12	Female	None.	1742 Tourro	do	Sept. 1	1742 Tourro.
25	Bubonic	19	Male	do	1824 Baronne	812 Royal	do	1824 Baronne.
26	Bubonic (right femoral)	40	Female	Housework	824 Burgundy	Unknown	Sept. 21	824 Burgundy.
27	Septicemic	43	Male	Baker	1463 Bourbon	Bakery adjoining dwelling.	Sept. 20	1463 Bourbon.
28	Bubonic (right femoral)	18	Female	Housewife.	910 Elysian Fields	do	Sept. 21	910 Elysian Fields.
29	do	4	Male	None.	1573 Chippewa.	do	Sept. 30	1573 Chippewa.
30	do	51	do	Laundryman.	1055 Baronne	1055 Baronne.	do	1120 Tulane.

## Plague-Infected Rats Captured in New Orleans from July 11, 1914, to Dec. 5, 1914.

Case No.	Where found.	When found.	Case No.	Where found.	When found.
		1914.			1914.
1	Burgundy Street.....	July 13	82	218 Canal Street.....	Aug. 31
2	1529 Religious Street.....	July 13	83	2113 N. Rampart Street.....	Aug. 7
3	1904 Magazine Street.....	July 11	84	2543 Carondelet Walk.....	Sept. 2
4	525 S. Peters Street.....	July 12	85	1739 Bourbon Street.....	Aug. 28
5	434 S. Rampart Street.....	July 13	86	3237 Tchoupitoulas Street.....	Sept. 4
6	Dumaine Street Wharf.....	July 16	87	Julia Street Wharf.....	Sept. 4
7	819 Antoine Street.....	July 21	88	Annunciation Street between Terpsichore and Melpomene Streets.....	Sept. 5
8	511 St. Ann Street.....	July 21			
9	1521 Magazine Street.....	July 23			
10	117 North Liberty Street.....	July 21	89	1513 Baronne Street.....	Sept. 7
11	1171 Annunciation Street.....	July 25	90	Poydras and Dryades Streets.....	Sept. 8
12	518 Barracks Street.....	July 15	91	1503 Baronne Street.....	Sept. 10
13	Elevator E. Stuyvesant docks.....	July 23	92	S. Rampart and Common Streets.....	Sept. 11
14	1823 Second Street.....	July 21	93	1938 Eighth Street.....	Sept. 2
15	Toulouse Street shed.....	July 25	94	606 Montegut Street.....	Sept. 14
16	Marais and Bourbon Streets.....	July 26	95	Celeste Street Landing.....	Sept. 4
17	1031 Chartres Street.....	July 22	96	Terpsichore and Baronne Streets.....	Sept. 9
18	1308 Girod Street.....	July 22	97	2733 Tchoupitoulas Street.....	Sept. 9
19	Toulouse Street shed.....	July 22	98	Arts and N. Roman Streets.....	Sept. 13
20	930 Tchoupitoulas Street.....	July 24	99	150 S. Rampart Street.....	Sept. 16
21	Bienville Street landing.....	July 27	100	1017 Common Street.....	Sept. 16
22	L. and N. roundhouse.....	July 24	101	160 S. Rampart Street.....	Sept. 17
23	840 Burgundy Street.....	July 24	102	do.....	Sept. 16
24	427 Dryades Street.....	July 27	105	do.....	Sept. 17
25	Toulouse Street shed.....	July 27	106	do.....	Sept. 17
26	2846 Dryades Street.....	July 29	113	do.....	Sept. 17
27	French Market.....	July 28	114	1830 Bourbon Street.....	Sept. 17
28	918 Toulouse Street.....	Aug. 1	115	1017 Common Street.....	Sept. 18
29	536 Madison Street.....	Aug. 1	121	do.....	Sept. 18
30	Girod Street landing.....	July 22	122	1938 Eighth Street.....	Sept. 18
31	Harmony Street wharf.....	July 30	123	162 S. Rampart Street.....	Sept. 18
32	918 Toulouse Street.....	Aug. 4	124	2733 Tchoupitoulas Street.....	Sept. 12
33	do.....	July 29	125	1017 Common Street.....	Sept. 19
34	Dumaine Street landing.....	Aug. 4	126	do.....	Sept. 21
35	786 Liberty Street.....	Aug. 7	127	do.....	Sept. 21
36	832 Chartres Street.....	Aug. 4	128	do.....	Sept. 21
37	Julia and Franklin Streets.....	Aug. 8	129	do.....	Sept. 21
38	518 Camp Street.....	Aug. 8	130	160 S. Rampart Street.....	Sept. 21
39	Richard and St. Thomas Streets.....	Aug. 9	132	do.....	Sept. 22
40	Thalia Street Landing.....	Aug. 9	133	do.....	Sept. 22
41	536 Madison Street.....	Aug. 9	134	162 S. Rampart Street.....	Sept. 22
42	532 Howard Street.....	Aug. 3	135	2815 Dumaine Street.....	Sept. 16
43	1300 Tulane Avenue.....	Aug. 5	136	Elevator D. Stuyvesant Docks.....	Sept. 23
44	1837 Marais Street.....	Aug. 10	137	S. Rampart near Common Street.....	Sept. 24
45	Ninth Street platform.....	Aug. 10	138	Girod Street Wharf.....	Sept. 24
46	918 Toulouse Street.....	Aug. 4	139	2009 Spain Street.....	Sept. 18
47	2043 Dryades Street.....	Aug. 6	140	1013 Magazine Street.....	Sept. 25
48	3211 Dryades Street.....	Aug. 6	141	do.....	Sept. 26
49	Ninth and Tchoupitoulas Streets; warehouse.....	Aug. 11	142	do.....	Sept. 26
50	2124 Erato Street.....	Aug. 5	147	2904 Melpomene Street.....	Sept. 26
51	359 S. Rampart Street.....	Aug. 6	149	1013 Magazine Street.....	Sept. 26
52	2851 Baronne Street.....	Aug. 8	162	do.....	Sept. 27
53	3225 Dryades Street.....	Aug. 13	163	do.....	Sept. 27
54	625 Commerce Street.....	Aug. 10	170	do.....	Sept. 27
55	1535 St. Thomas Street.....	Aug. 15	171	832 Frenchman Street.....	Sept. 27
56	Ninth Street platform, Harmony Wharf.....	Aug. 10	172	1459 Bourbon Street.....	Sept. 27
57	527 Dumaine Street.....	Aug. 10	173	1233 St. Ann Street.....	Sept. 28
58	841 Burgundy Street.....	Aug. 17	174	1611 Prytania Street.....	Sept. 30
59	931 St. Ann Street.....	Aug. 18	176	Girod Street Wharf.....	Sept. 30
60	1318 S. Derbigny Street.....	Aug. 18	177	163 Dryades Street.....	Sept. 30
61	799 S. Franklin Street.....	Aug. 19	178	916 Washington Avenue.....	Sept. 27
62	Toulouse Street shed.....	Aug. 1	179	St. Claud and St. Ann Streets.....	Sept. 27
63	909 St. Charles Street.....	Aug. 16	180	200 South Rampart Street.....	Oct. 6
64	Esplanade and Bourbon Streets.....	Aug. 21	181	1013 Magazine Street.....	Sept. 26
65	930 Magazine Street.....	Aug. 24	182	926 North Liberty Street.....	Oct. 11
66	741 Esplanade Avenue.....	Aug. 25	183	1013 Magazine Street.....	Oct. 12
67	218 Canal Street.....	Aug. 27	184	do.....	Oct. 13
68	do.....	Aug. 27	185	do.....	Oct. 13
69	1006 Magazine Street.....	Aug. 27	186	do.....	Oct. 13
70	1523 N. Miro Street.....	Aug. 28	187	2712 St. Andrew Street.....	Oct. 15
71	1006 Magazine Street.....	Aug. 28	188	1013 Magazine Street.....	Oct. 16
72	930 N. Miro Street.....	Aug. 23	189	2721 Josephine Street.....	Oct. 19
73-78	218 Canal Street.....	Aug. 29	190	Stuyvesant docks.....	Oct. 22
79	do.....	Aug. 30	191	128 South Roman Street.....	Oct. 28
80	723 Felicity Street.....	Aug. 30	192	2002 Painters Street.....	Oct. 26
81	Eighth and St. Thomas Streets.....	Aug. 25	193	South Peters and Natchez Alley.....	Nov. 6

**Plague-Infected Rats Captured in New Orleans from July 11, 1914, to Dec. 5, 1914—**  
Continued.

Case No.	Where found.	When found.	Case No.	Where found.	When found.
194	1561 North Galvez.....	Nov. 11	203	826 North Claiborne.....	Nov. 16
195	Hagan Avenue dump.....	Nov. 13	204	Westwego garbage dump.....	Nov. 21
196	3911 Iberville Street.....	Nov. 21	205	1005 Poeyfarre Street.....	Nov. 28
197	3911 Iberville Street.....	Nov. 21	206	Fleanore and Tchoupitoulas.....	Nov. 21
199			207	917 Touro Street.....	Nov. 30
200	Stuyvesant docks.....	Nov. 24	208	Cortez and Toulouse Streets.....	Nov. 26
201	3911 Iberville Street.....	Nov. 25			
202	Mandeville and Florida Walk (city garbage dump).	Nov. 20			

**Report for Week Ended December 12, 1914.**

The following report of plague-eradication work at New Orleans for the week ended December 12, 1914, has been received from Asst. Surg. Gen. Rucker, of the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the work:

**OUTGOING QUARANTINE.**

Vessels fumigated with sulphur.....	20
Vessels fumigated with carbon monoxide..	18
Vessel fumigated with hydrocyanic gas....	1
Pounds of sulphur used.....	5,281
Coke consumed in carbon monoxide fumigation.....	26,000
Pounds of potassium cyanide used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	120
Pounds of sodium carbonate used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	120
Pounds of sulphuric acid used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	200
Clean bills of health issued.....	26
Foul bills of health issued.....	13

**OVERLAND FREIGHT INSPECTION.**

Cars inspected, found in good order; permitted to load.....	989
Cars ordered repaired before loading.....	1,467
Total cars inspected.....	2,456

**DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS  
INSPECTED WEEK ENDED DEC. 12.**

Alabama.....	140
Arkansas.....	15
California.....	15
Carolina, North.....	2
Carolina, South.....	3
Colorado.....	3
Florida.....	54
Georgia.....	54
Illinois.....	90
Indiana.....	38
Iowa.....	6
Kentucky.....	50
Louisiana.....	929
Massachusetts.....	1
Michigan.....	15

**DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS  
INSPECTED WEEK ENDED DEC. 12—continued.**

Minnesota.....	6
Mississippi.....	481
Missouri.....	41
Nebraska.....	2
New York.....	31
Ohio.....	83
Oklahoma.....	12
Pennsylvania.....	14
Rhode Island.....	1
Tennessee.....	68
Texas.....	83
Utah.....	6
Virginia.....	1
West Virginia.....	1
Washington.....	1
Wisconsin.....	5
Canada.....	2

**FIELD OPERATIONS.**

Rats trapped.....	10,921
Premises fumigated.....	1
Premises disinfected.....	71
Premises inspected.....	9,590
Notices served.....	2,208

**BUILDINGS RAT PROOFED.**

By elevation.....	38
By marginal concrete wall.....	136
By concrete floor and walls.....	278
By minor repairs.....	113
Square yards of concrete laid.....	24,369
Total buildings rat proofed.....	565
Buildings rat proofed to date.....	5,769
Number of abatements.....	532
Number of abatements to date.....	15,872

## LABORATORY OPERATIONS.

Rodents examined.....	10,053
Mus norvegicus.....	4,282
Mus rattus.....	120
Mus alexandrinus.....	341
Mus musculi.....	5,153
Putrid.....	871
Total rodents received at laboratory.....	10,410
Number of suspicious rats.....	74
Plague rats confirmed.....	
Total number of rodents captured to Dec. 12.....	186,156

## LABORATORY OPERATIONS—continued.

Total number of rodents examined to Dec. 12.....	161,422
Rodent cases to Dec. 12 by species:	
Mus rattus.....	10
Mus musculus.....	1
Mus alexandrinus.....	3
Mus norvegicus.....	194
Total rodent cases to Dec. 12.....	208

## WASHINGTON—SEATTLE.

The following report of plague-eradivative work at Seattle for the week ended November 28, 1914, has been received from Surg. Lloyd, of the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the work:

## RAT PROOFING.

New buildings inspected.....	72
Basements concreted, new buildings (18), square feet.....	8,096
Floors concreted, new buildings (8), square feet.....	8,624
Yards, etc., concreted, new buildings (4), square feet.....	1,206
Sidewalks concreted.....square feet.....	186,008
Total concrete laid, new structures, square feet.....	203,934
New buildings elevated.....	4
New premises rat proofed, concrete.....	22
Old buildings inspected.....	8
Buildings razed.....	1

## WATER FRONT.

Vessels inspected and histories recorded.....	8
Vessels fumigated.....	7
Sulphur used.....pounds..	2,050
New rat guards installed.....	19
Defective rat guards repaired.....	15

## WATER FRONT—continued.

Vessels searched for dead rats.....	5
Dead rats recovered after fumigation.....	18
Fumigation certificates issued.....	7
Canal Zone certificates issued.....	3
Port sanitary statements issued.....	44

## LABORATORY AND RODENT OPERATIONS.

Dead rodents received.....	24
Rodents trapped and killed.....	258
Total.....	282
Rodents examined for plague infection.....	211
Rodents proven plague infected.....	1
Blocks poisoned.....	26
Poison distributed.....pounds..	73
Human bodies examined for plague infection..	3
Bodies showing infection.....	0

## CLASSIFICATION OF RODENTS.

Mus rattus.....	5
Mus alexandrinus.....	59
Mus norvegicus.....	163
Mus musculus.....	53

The usual day and night patrol was maintained to enforce rat guarding and fending.

*Rodents examined in Tacoma.*

Mus norvegicus trapped.....	8
Mus norvegicus found dead.....	13
Mus rattus found dead.....	2
Total.....	23
Rodents proven plague infected.....	0

## HAWAII.

The following report of plague-eradivative work at Hilo, Hawaii, for the week ended November 21, 1914, has been received:

Rats and mongoose taken.....	2,134
Rats trapped.....	2,089
Rats found dead.....	6
Mongoose taken.....	39
Rats and mongoose examined macroscopically.....	2,134
Rats and mongoose plague infected.....	0
Classification of rats trapped and found dead:	
Mus norvegicus.....	498
Mus alexandrinus.....	253
Mus rattus.....	543
Mus musculus.....	801

Last case of rat plague, Paauhau Sugar Company, Aug. 29, 1914.

Last case of human plague, Paauhau Sugar Company, Aug. 16, 1914.